



Kentucky Classics: History, Horses & Hospitality

The following is a suggested group tour itinerary. For more tour ideas of each area, visit kentuckytourism.com. Times shown below are Eastern Time.

Day 1

11:30 a.m. Arrive in [Louisville](#). Have lunch at [the Cafe](#) at [Paristown](#) or [other Louisville area restaurant](#).

Also an option in the area is a lunch cruise on the Ohio River aboard the [Belle of Louisville](#); seasonal, depending on schedule.

1:00 p.m. Begin tour of Louisville area which may include: [Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory](#), where you'll see a Louisville Slugger baseball bat being made from beginning to end; The [Frazier History Museum](#), a history museum that serves as the official starting point of the [Kentucky Bourbon Trail](#); [Muhammad Ali Center](#), which tells the story of Ali's life and legacy and is a new stop on the [U.S. Civil Rights Trail](#); [Evan Williams Bourbon Experience](#), the first distillery on Whiskey Row; and others as time allows.

5:00 p.m. Check into [The Brown Hotel](#) or [other Louisville area lodging facility](#).

6:00 p.m. Dinner at [Mussel & Burger Bar](#) or [other Louisville area restaurant](#).

Other seasonal options (depending on schedule) are: a dinner cruise on the Ohio River aboard the [Belle of Louisville](#), or after-dinner entertainment at [4th Street Live!](#), [The Kentucky Center](#), or [Louisville Mega Cavern](#).

Day 2

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at [Walker's Exchange](#) or [other Louisville area restaurant](#).

9:00 a.m. Depart for tour of the [Kentucky Derby Museum](#) and [Churchill Downs](#).

The Kentucky Derby Museum is an American Thoroughbred horse racing museum dedicated to preserving the history of the greatest two minutes in sports. The tour includes the history of the Derby, memorabilia and interactive displays. Next door is Churchill Downs, "Home of the Kentucky Derby" and the longest continually running sporting event in America. In 1875, Churchill Downs officially opened its gates in Louisville and began its tradition. You may be able to catch thoroughbreds going through their morning workouts during a backside tour of 147-acre racetrack.

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch at [Wagner's Pharmacy](#) or [other Louisville area restaurant](#).
Wagner's Pharmacy is an iconic spot located across from Churchill Downs that has been serving hearty American breakfasts and lunch since 1922.
- 1:00 p.m. Depart for [Clermont/Bullitt County](#).
- 1:45 p.m. Tour the [Jim Beam Distillery American Stillhouse](#).
Jim Beam's American Stillhouse is a 200-year-old landmark that serves as Jim Beam's flagship distillery. Get an up close and intimate look at Jim Beam Bourbon and how it's made. On a guided tour, you'll walk in the footsteps of seven generations of Beam Family Master Distillers.
- 3:15 p.m. Depart for [Bardstown](#).
- 3:45 p.m. Tour [My Old Kentucky Home State Park](#).
A 19th-century estate with costumed tour guides, My Old Kentucky Home was the inspiration for Stephen Collins Foster's song which became Kentucky's State Anthem.
- 5:15 p.m. Check into [Hampton Inn](#) or [other Bardstown area lodging facility](#).
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at [Talbot's Tavern](#) or [other Bardstown area restaurant](#).

Day 3

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at your hotel, [Mammy's Kitchen](#) or [other Bardstown area restaurant](#).
- 8:30 a.m. Begin tour of Bardstown area which may include: the [Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History](#), which displays a 50-year collection of rare artifacts and documents concerning the American whiskey industry; the [Bourbon Heritage Center](#) at [Heaven Hill Distillery](#), a museum telling the story of bourbon in the area; [The Civil War Museum & the Women's Museum of the Civil War](#), which are America's largest and most complete museums devoted to the Western Theater of the American Civil War; and others as time allows.
- 11:30 a.m. Depart for [Harrodsburg](#).
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at [Olde Bus Station Restaurant](#) or [other Harrodsburg area restaurant](#).
- 1:30 p.m. Begin tour of [Harrodsburg](#) area which may include: historic downtown Harrodsburg, a National Register Historic District; [Kentucky Fudge Company](#), a unique restaurant, bakery and fudge shop with old-time soda fountain located in the old Dedman Drugstore; Morgan Row, the oldest row house in Kentucky housing the [Harrodsburg Historical Society](#); and others as time allows.
- 3:30 p.m. Tour [Old Fort Harrod State Park](#).
Experience the daily workings of a pioneer fort at Old Harrod State Park. A full-scale replica of the fort, built by James Harrod in 1775, is the centerpiece of this park. Cabins and blockhouses are furnished with handmade utensils, furniture, crude tools and agricultural implements used by the pioneers. Costumed interpreters demonstrate pioneer crafts, and a live animal corral adds to the "living history" experience.
- 5:30 p.m. Check into [The Inn at Shaker Village](#) or [other Harrodsburg area lodging facility](#).

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is a landmark destination that shares 3,000 acres of discovery in the spirit of the Kentucky Shakers. With 34 original Shaker structures, the site is home to the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings and is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky. The Inn features 72 guest rooms, suites and private cottages spread throughout 13 historic Shaker Village buildings.

6:30 p.m. Dinner at [The Trustees' Table at Shaker Village](#) or [other Harrodsburg area restaurant](#).

Day 4

7:30 a.m. Breakfast at [The Trustees' Table at Shaker Village](#) or [other Harrodsburg area restaurant](#).

8:30 a.m. Explore [Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill](#), including a tour and time to wander and shop.

11:30 a.m. Lunch at [The Main Dining Room at Beaumont Inn](#) or [other Harrodsburg area restaurant](#).

Named for the French word meaning "beautiful mount" because of its location atop one of Harrodsburg's highest hills, Beaumont Inn, Kentucky's oldest family-operated Country Inn, combines gracious Southern hospitality, traditional regional food and relaxing ambiance in a setting rich in history. Built on the site of the Greenville Springs Spa, the building was constructed in 1845 as one of the South's most prestigious girls' schools. Since 1918, it has been operated as a country inn and restaurant by five generations of the same family.

1:00 p.m. Depart for [Lexington](#).

2:00 p.m. Begin tour of the Lexington area which may include: [Keeneland](#), which is the world's largest and most prominent Thoroughbred auction house and hosts world-class racing twice annually; the [Mary Todd Lincoln House](#), which was the family home of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of 16th president Abraham Lincoln; [Ashland](#), the 19th century estate of politician Henry Clay Estate; and others as time allows.

5:00 p.m. Check into [Embassy Suites by Hilton Lexington Green](#) or [other Lexington area lodging facility](#).

6:00 p.m. Dinner at [Zim's Café](#) or [other Lexington area restaurant](#).

Optional after-dinner entertainment (seasonal, depending on schedule): Explore [The Lexington Distillery District](#), catch a live music show at [The Burl](#) or catch a live taping of the [WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Show](#) (*note: Monday's only*).

Day 5

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at [The Rackhouse Tavern](#) at the [The Campbell House Lexington, Curio Collection by Hilton](#) or [other Lexington area restaurant](#).

8:00 a.m. Plan your private horse farm tour with [Horse Country](#). Additional touring of the horse industry which may include: [The Thoroughbred Center](#), a Keeneland-affiliated horse training and boarding farm; The [Kentucky Horse Park](#), a working horse farm and an educational theme park with museums; [WinStar Farm](#), Thoroughbred racing, stallion and breeding operation; [Old Friends Farm](#), a Thoroughbred retirement facility founded by former *Boston Globe* film critic Michael Blowen; and others as time allows.

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch at [Wallace Station](#) or [other Lexington area restaurant](#).
- 1:00 p.m. Depart for [Frankfort](#).
- Frankfort is the capital city of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Surrounded by rolling pastures where thoroughbred horses run and forest canopies that bring beauty in every season, the State Capitol rises above the city and overlooks the Kentucky River as the waterway ambles to the north making a unique S shape through the historic downtown.*
- 1:45 p.m. Tour the [State Capitol](#) and visit the [Floral Clock](#).
- Completed in 1910, the Kentucky State Capitol building features 70 columns, sculptures of Kentucky dignitaries and decorative murals. The Capitol is on the National Register of Historic Places and is noted as one of the most impressive Capitols in the nation.*
- The colorful Floral Clock is located on the West Lawn of the Capitol Grounds. It was erected in May of 1961 by Gov. Bet Combs. The face of the clock is 34 ft. across and planted with thousands of plants that are changed out seasonally. For good luck, toss a coin into the fountain!*
- 2:45 p.m. Tour of Frankfort area which may include stops at: [Buffalo Trace Distillery](#), the oldest continuously operating distillery in America; [Rebecca Ruth Candy Tours & Museum](#), honoring Ruth Hanly Booe, the “Mother of Bourbon Balls”; the [Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History](#), a museum and educational complex operated by the [Kentucky Historical Society](#); and others as time allows.
- 5:30 p.m. Check into [Fairfield Inn & Suites Frankfort](#), [Holiday Inn Express & Suites Frankfort](#) or [other Frankfort area lodging facility](#).
- 6:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner at [Serafini](#) or one of [Frankfort's many area restaurants](#); or for larger groups, allow the [Visit Frankfort team](#) to arrange for a private meal for your group. at
- 8:30 p.m. Optional – Finish the evening off with a cocktail from [The Cooperage Bar](#).

Day 6

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at your hotel or [other Frankfort area restaurant](#).
- 8:00 a.m. Depart for [Shelbyville](#).
- 9:00 a.m. Tour of the Shelbyville area, which may include: tour of [Kismet Farm LLC](#), a Saddlebred horse farm; [Wakefield-Scearce Galleries](#) at the [Shops of Science Hill](#), a high-quality antique gallery located in a historic shopping area; the [Whitney M. Young Center](#), birthplace of an important civil rights leader; the [Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass](#), Kentucky’s only designer outlet shopping center with 90+ stores; and others as time allows.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch at the [Claudia Sanders Dinner House](#) or [other Shelbyville area restaurant](#).
- The Claudia Sanders Dinner House restaurant is located behind the final home of Colonel Harlan Sanders, founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, and his wife, Claudia. The restaurant combines Southern hospitality and old-fashioned, family-style cooking.*
- 2:00 p.m. Depart for home.

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